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Dear Ms. Griffin, *Jeanne*

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has recently reviewed the site inspection reports for Birmingham Bolt, Chemical Ways Corporation, Chemetco Incorporated, and Medusa Aggregates, and is happy to provide the following comments.

Birmingham Bolt

The present status of the five baghouse dust cells are unclear. Part 3 section II (F) of the report indicates that "Three cells were excavated ..." while the site sketch map (figure 3) shows activity at all five cells. This should be clarified.

Chemical Ways Corporation

The sample results provided in section five (5) of the report would indicate an observed release to groundwater on 6/28/87. If this is the case Part 3 Section II (A) is in error and should be amended.

Chemetco Inc.

No Comments

Medusa Aggregates

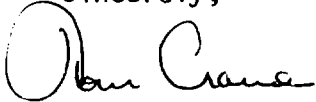
In light of the uncertain origin of wastes disposed of on site, and the fact that approximately 1500 persons may be served by the aquifer of concern, we believe that the establishment of several monitoring wells may have verified an observed release to groundwater.

In this instance it is possible, that a documented observed release to groundwater could raise the hazardous ranking score sufficiently to make the site eligible for National Priority Listing.



I thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the referenced sites. Should you have any questions or comments concerning the above, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom Crause".

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